Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—It is not possible to attend to all these villages. What they are now doing is they will be camping in a particular Firkah and then they will be touring about the surrounding villages and enquiring whether there is any outbreak of any disease and if there is none they will pass on to the next Firkah. So in a particular month they may not be able to visit all the villages. Of course, if there is any emergency there is the Headquarter Inspector and information can be given to him. In addition to that there is the Honorary Veterinary Inspector, in every Hospital. So the permanent Veterinary Inspector is free to move about if there is any emergency.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Is it the idea of the Government to continue this system in future also or is it an experiment?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Of course, the idea is to continue this system of Touring Veterinary Inspectors.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—May I know what the practice in British India is? Have they introuced this touring system?

Mr. President.—He can answer only for the Cochin Government.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Has the Veterinary Inspector in the Northern Division visited any one of the villages in the Pazhanji Constituency?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—In the Diary I see that he has visited the villages.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Was not the fact brought to the notice of the Superintendent by the Member for Pazhanji?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—There was a report and the report was sent to the Veterinary Inspector and soon after the receipt of the order he went there and made enquiries and reported.

Improvement of cattle.

2. **Mr. P. Govinda Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) whether they are following any plan for the improvement of the cattle in the State;

(ii) if so, what it is;

(iii) what the results hitherto are?

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Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(i) Yes.

(ii) The improvement of livestock in the State is being done in accordance with the provisions contained in Article 240 of the Land Revenue Manual, an extract of which is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

A small stock-breeding section is attached to the Government Central Farm. There are half a dozen stud bulls there. A stud bull each has been stationed in the Cocoanut Station, Vyttila and in the Depots at Vadakkancheri and Mulanthuruthi. Besides these, grants are being given to private individuals for maintaining stud bulls. There are as many as six bulls receiving grants at Pallipuram, Irinjalakuda, Kattur, Kallur Thekkummuri, Kunnamkulam and Cranganur. Requests are being received from the people of the several centres for grants. To pay grants for all these would mean a very large expenditure and so much care is taken to select only bulls of good pedigree for grant.

(iii) Statistics of the services of the stud bulls stationed at the several centres are being recorded.

The improvement of livestock of a country is bound to be in a very slow progress and it depends on the interest evinced by the people and ryots. The Department has been advising and giving all facilities at its disposal and the people are realising the importance of improving their stock and are taking advantage of the facilities offered by the Department.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—It is stated that there are already six bulls receiving grants at Pallupuram and other places. How long have they been receiving grants?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Pallipuram for about 2 years; Azhikode i. e., Cranganore, the period has already expired; Koratti about one year; Irinjalakuda about 2 years; Kattur also two years, Kunnamkulam about a year and a half.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—How many applications for grants have the Government refused?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—About 20 applications have been received now. The grant for this year is about 700 and odd rupees and unless more funds are granted grants for all these petitions cannot be provided.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In inviting the attention of the Government to appendix II, may I know whether advantage has been taken by the people regarding the growing of suitable fodder to any extent?

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Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Ofcourse, with regard to the growing of suitable fodder crops we are advising the farmers and giving the fodders that are to be economically cultivated. Some are trying on a very small scale. But on a very large scale they find it very difficult on account of cattle trespass and so many other difficulties.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Therefore, are we to understand that that experiment has not borne fruit as yet?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—It cannot be said that it has not yet borne fruit. Some are trying it on a small scale.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is not the Government aware that the cattle in the State are almost in all cases underfed?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Yes. The Government is aware of it. But the owners of the cattle also must take their share to feed their cattle. The Government can give all facilities.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What facility, may I know, the Government has been pleased to extend to the ryots to improve the fodder?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—The present system is not quite up to the mark. There are many kinds of oil cakes and seeds and grams. All these are very good fodders.

Stud Bulls

3. Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) the number of stud bulls owned by the Government at present;

(ii) the breed to which they belong and the number of bulls in each breed;

(iii) how many of these are kept in the Central Farm at Ollukkara;

(iv) the places where the other are stationed;

(v) the number of stud bulls belonging to private persons or institutions to which Government grant is being paid;

(iv) the names of such persons or institutions?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(21.

(ii), (iii) and (iv). The following statement gives the details

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